

# LOOK UPON THIS PICTURE—1897—Dec. 19th—1900—AND ON THIS!



RUINS OF THE OLD MERMOD & JACCARD BUILDING.  
From a photograph taken December 19, 1897.

THREE years ago to-day, in the very midst of the holiday season, the old Mermod & Jaccard building was totally destroyed by fire. While the ruins were still smoking Mermod & Jaccard's were open for business in a storeroom nearly opposite the burned building, without the loss of an hour. Without an hour's unnecessary delay plans were entered into for the erection of a new building, and work was almost immediately commenced. That building was completed and opened for business on May 1 of last year and is now the home of

**An Institution Without  
a Peer in the World.**  
On this the third anniversary of the disaster "The World's Grandest Jewelry Establishment" is a veritable

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Ablaze with Jewels**

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### CONFRONTED WITH TWO JUDGMENTS.

Wabash Railroad Company, After Nine Years' Legal Fight, Asks for Relief.

After resisting for nine years payment of a claim for \$1.98, carrying the case to the United States Supreme Court, the Wabash Railroad Company yesterday asked the Circuit Court of St. Louis to relieve it from having to pay the amount twice.

In the course of the legal fight two judgments for the full amount have been entered against the company, one in Illinois and one in Missouri. The costs now aggregate many times the sum sued for. The company asks permission to pay into court

#### CITY ITEMS.

CRAWFORD's will keep open for the convenience of those who cannot shop during the day, the evenings of Thursday, the 21st, Friday, the 22nd, Saturday, the 23rd, and the night of Christmas Eve, Monday, the 24th.

**5 STAR FIVE STAR \$250.00 SHOE**

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REPUBLIC BUILDING.

We can sell you a Patent Leather Shoe, any size, for \$2.50. Save you \$1.00. HARRIS SHOE CO., 520 PINE ST.

### CANADIAN PASTOR PARTLY PARALYZED.

Suffers From Peculiar Nervous Trouble—Comes to Missouri for Relief.

The Reverend Charles Ulrich of Toronto, Canada, who has been suffering for four years with a terrible nervous affliction, passed through Union Station yesterday. He can move neither hand nor foot, and cannot raise his head from the pillow of his cot. He is accompanied by his wife. They are going to a Missouri town for magnetic treatment for his malady.

Doctor Ulrich's disease has puzzled physicians by the score. None of the doctors to whom he has gone has been able to help him. Meantime his frame has wasted away to almost nothing, and the present trip was taken as a forlorn hope. Unless relief comes shortly, it is said, he cannot live much longer.

Until four years ago Doctor Ulrich, who is but 31 years old, was exceptionally robust. His pastorate was in a small town, fifty miles north of Toronto. The place is known as a health resort throughout that section of the country, and such an affliction as that which overcame Doctor Ulrich was never before known in the locality.

Mrs. Ulrich thinks that overwork brought about her husband's trouble. Whatever the cause, the minister was stricken without warning. One morning he found himself unable to rise from his bed. A month later he was in a small town, and a year later the power to use his hands was gone. Numbers of treatments were suggested and carried out, but none was effective.

All the doctors who have examined the afflicted minister say that his disease is connected with the nervous system, but each has admitted that, beyond this, he could not say what was wrong. A curious feature of the case is that, while his body is greatly emaciated, the fullness of his face has been preserved.

**Opera Glasses for Xmas Gifts.**  
Fine lenses, leather, pearl and French enamel frames, \$2.75 to \$45, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

### ARKANSAS OFFICERS IN COURT.

New York Bank Seeks to Compel Them to Issue Bonds.

Judge Caldwell of the United States Circuit Court heard arguments yesterday in the case of the Farmers' National Bank of Hudson, N. Y., versus the State of Arkansas and its officers. Governor Dan W. Jones, Secretary of State A. C. Hale and State Auditor Clay Sloan are defendants in the case. They were represented by Governor-elect Jeff Davis, who is at present Attorney General of Arkansas.

Representing the plaintiffs were ex-Governor James B. Clark of Arkansas, Congressman T. C. McKee of Washington, D. C., and Captain Loughborough of Little Rock. A mandatory injunction is asked against Governor Jones and his official colleagues to compel them to issue \$50,000 in bonds as authorized by the State Legislature in 1898.

The plaintiff claims that certain bonds of the State of Arkansas owned by it were returned to the State without having been paid. The defense holds that the old bonds were destroyed and could not have been returned. It was the understanding of the State that the bonds were to be issued by the State to take up the old ones. It is claimed by the plaintiff that this was not done.

**Xmas Cards and Calendars.**  
The most beautiful designs and largest variety ever shown, 50 to \$10, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

### JUDGE-ELECT GOODE'S PLANS.

Will Remove Family to St. Louis Next Fall.

R. L. Goode of Springfield, Judge elect of the St. Louis Court of Appeals, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Goode will take the oath of office at the beginning of the January term of the court. He will not remove his family from Springfield until next fall.

The Judge declares that he does not look upon a change of residence with any great degree of favor, having very many friends in Springfield.

To Finish Floors and Borders.  
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Sailor Suits, Russian Blouse Suits, Two-Piece and Three-Piece Suits and Short and Long Trousers.

Dainty Little Suits as Low as \$3.50

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You may pay as much as \$15.00 if you want the neatest and prettiest things a child can wear.

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**MEN'S FINE OVERCOATS, \$12, \$15, \$20 AND UP.**  
IN OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Perfect fitting garments; well made and finished; in black, blue and Oxford-mixed Beavers, Kerseys and Friezes. RAGLANS in all the new shades of Oxford Gray Frieze, proper lengths..... \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and Up

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MILLS & AVERILL, Broadway and Pine.

### FIGHT TO BE MADE ON HOPKINS BILL.

Minority Will Report an Apportionment Scheme by Which No State Will Lose.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There promises to be a big fight over the Hopkins reapportionment bill when it is taken up in the House after the holiday recess. The representatives of the States which will lose representation under the bill are organizing for the struggle. The members of the minority of the Census Committee are seeking to marshal all the available strength among the dissatisfied members by making a minority report which will recommend a basis for reapportionment that will not reduce the representation in any State. This can be accomplished by making 124,000 inhabitants the basis of representation. Upon this basis the House would consist of 387 members.

No State would lose, and the following would gain: Arkansas 1, California 1, Colorado 1, Connecticut 1, Florida 1, Illinois 2, Iowa 1, Louisiana 1, Massachusetts 2, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 1, Missouri 1, New Jersey 2, New York 3, North Carolina 1, North Dakota 1, Pennsylvania 2, Texas 2, Washington 1, West Virginia 1 and Wisconsin 1.

Mr. Burleigh of Maine will draw the minority report recommending this basis. It is possible that Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana will still further complicate the situation by making another minority report in support of his proposition to reduce the representation from the South.

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Tight roll, neat, fashionable, best silk, best frames, handsome handles, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

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**HAIRS**  
On the face, Warts, Moles, Tattoos, Birth-Marks, Wens, Scars, Etc., permanently removed. Flabby and discolored complexion corrected by electro-massage treatment. Deformities of the Nose, Ears, Mouth, Lips, Wrinkles, Etc., corrected. Use Lephthor for the complexion. Phone A 64, ST. LOUIS DERMATOLOGICAL CO., 99 Chemical Building.

### MICHIGAN HOUSE TO GOVERNOR'S RESCUE.

Granted Him Permission to Use Its Chamber for Banquet, a Courtesy the Senate Refused.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 18.—The House today, by a vote of 29 to 27, granted Governor Pingree the use of its chamber for his banquet to-night, in honor of the Supreme Court and the Legislature.

The House then refused to concur in the resolution adopted last night by the Senate providing for final adjournment of the Legislature Thursday.

A special committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Senate to be asked to appoint for the purpose of framing, if possible, a tax bill that will be agreeable to both houses. The House then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

The Senate yesterday refused to grant the Governor permission to use the Senate chamber for a banquet hall. The feast, it is said, will cost \$5,000.

### JESSIE MORRISON IS TO BE FREE AGAIN.

Bail Fixed at \$5,000—Expects to Secure Bondsmen in a Few Days—She Will Go East.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—A special from Eldorado, Kas., says: Judge Shinn to-day agreed to admit Jessie Morrison to bail in the sum of \$5,000 pending her second trial for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle. Bondsmen have not yet been secured, but the prisoner's aged father, ex-Probate Judge Morrison, expresses hope that he will be able to secure them within a few days.

The case cannot come up till next spring, and it is believed that another jury cannot be secured in the county. Her release, probably end the case.

Miss Morrison was in a very happy mood when she entered court to-day with her father, and bounded out of her chair lightly and bravely.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought.

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FOR GENTLEMEN  
\$1.50 to \$4.00

In Monkey, Lizard and Seal-skin, Black and Tan Vici Kid.

**ALL THE SWELL STYLES.**

A SPECIAL....

**Xmas Bargain.**

We are overstocked in \$2.00 and \$2.50 Men's Tan and Black Slippers—in order to move them out quick we will sell 300 pairs; your choice \$1.50 at.....

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An elegant variety in Quilted Satin and fine Sanitary Felt, all colors—lovely Toilet Slippers, in red and black kid.

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after Judge Shinn had announced his intention to accept bond.

It is said that she will go to her old home in West Virginia when released.

**RECEIVED SPECIAL REPORTS.**

Second Day's Session of Credits Commutation Committee.

At the second day's session of the Executive Committee of the Credits Commutation Committee yesterday at the Plaza Hotel, President D. L. Pinner of Warsaw, Wis., occupied the chair. T. A. Stoddard was secretary.

Reports of the special committees which were appointed at the annual meeting of the company to examine into the condition of the various properties owned by the company, were received and referred to the Board of Directors for final action. Considerable routine business was transacted, but nothing of public interest transpired.

The company represents a number of banks which were creditors of the defunct Union Loan and Trust Company of St. Louis, and owns the stock of a number of minor companies, including the St. Louis City Stock Yards and several land and investment companies. By judicious management, it has succeeded in increasing the value of the assets of the Union Loan and Trust Company several fold, and the properties are now all on a paying basis.